

PATENT APPLICATION
4115-131**In the Specification**

On page 6 please delete the first paragraph including the following text:

~~7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the homologous amino acid sequence (ii) is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5 and SEQ ID NO: 8.~~

On page 9, in the last paragraph, please insert the word "used" at line 28 as follows:

Isolation of the correct sequence for the *Drosophila* E93 gene that encodes for a protein found to modulate apoptosis provided the tool for isolation of proteins associated with modulation of programmed cell death and the encoded proteins. The discovery of proteins with apoptosis activity can be used as agonists, antagonists, antibodies and for treating disorders related to apoptosis.

On page 13, in the first paragraph, please amend as follows:

As used herein, the term "antibody" refers to intact molecules as well as fragments thereof, such as Fa, F(ab')₂, and Fv, which are capable of binding the epitopic determinant. Antibodies that bind a polypeptide comprising any one of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5 and 8 can be prepared using intact polypeptides or fragments containing small peptides of interest as the immunizing antigen. The polypeptide or oligopeptide used to immunize an animal can be derived from the translation of RNA or synthesized chemically and can be conjugated to a carrier protein, if desired. Commonly used carriers that are chemically coupled to peptides include bovine serum albumin and thyroglobulin, keyhole limpet hemocyanin. The coupled peptide is then used to immunize the animal (e.g., a mouse, a rat, or a rabbit).

On page 13, in the third paragraph, please amend as follows:

The term "biologically active," as used herein, refers to a protein having structural, regulatory, or biochemical functions of a naturally occurring molecule. Likewise, "immunologically active" refers to the capability of the natural, recombinant, or synthetic polypeptide comprising any one of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5 and 8, or any oligopeptide thereof, to induce a specific immune response in appropriate animals or cells and to bind with specific antibodies.